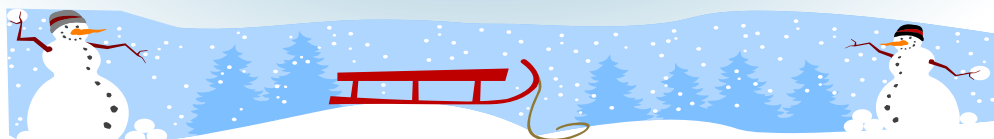


Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

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WILD WEST WINTERFEST

February 17-20, 2006

Events Happening at the 2006 Wild West Winterfest:

- ◆ “Western Underground” in Concert! A Tribute to Chris LeDoux
- ◆ All Breeds Horse Sale ◆ Working Horse & Driver Contest ◆ All Star Dog Show ◆ Dog Keg Pull ◆ Cowboy Gathering with Poetry & Western Music ◆ Children’s Art Show ◆ Quilt Show ◆ Photography Show
- ◆ Youth Poultry/Rabbit Show ◆ Hockey Tournament ◆ Auto Ice Drags
- ◆ Monday is “Horsin’ Around Day” with Vet Clinics, Horse Demos, Tack Swap, Battle of the Breeds, Stallion Auction & more



CHILDREN’S ART SHOW

Do you have wonderful, fun, beautiful art projects that have been created by artists from ages 2 to 16? If so, we invite you to display them at the 2006 Wild West WinterFest Children’s Art Show. This is the second year for this event and hope the show will give your children an opportunity to show their talent to our community! Ideas for kinds of artwork to enter include drawings, paintings, class projects, sculptures, collages, leatherwork, or any other work created by a child. For complete rules and entry forms, contact the Gallatin County Fairgrounds at 582-3270 or the 4-H Extension Office at 582-3280. If interested, please bring your artwork to the Fairgrounds Office between February 1st and February 14th, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM. Special arrangements can be made for late, early or weekend deliveries.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Have you taken some wonderful, fun, beautiful photos you would like to display for the world to see? If so, we invite you to bring them to the 2006 Wild West WinterFest Open Photography Show. This is the third year for this event and we hope the show will give you an opportunity to show your talent to our community! For complete rules and entry information, contact the Gallatin County Fairgrounds at 582-3270 or the 4-H Extension Office at 582-3280

WILD WEST WINTERFEST TACK SWAP

Saturday, February 18 & Monday, February 20, 2006

Items that may be consigned include:

Riding clothing, Equine Tack & Other Equine Equipment,
Dog Equipment

For More Information:

Contact the Fairgrounds at 582-3270

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring your appetite and a few bucks for pizza. **Meeting date is January 10, 2006.**



**Attention all
project
leaders!!!!**

**Any revisions or
changes to the
Fairbook
are due to the
Extension Office by
January 6, 2006.**



2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grants from \$500-\$1,750 each

Deadline: February 1, 2006

Contact: schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu

Funding provided by Deft, Inc.

The 2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grant Program offers a limited number of youth grants in the amount of \$500 to \$1,750 to 4-H/Extension groups in local communities, in counties, and at the state level. This program provides opportunities for young people and adults to take action with ongoing community tree planting and/or reforestation projects or to stimulate new and creative youth-led projects. Youth are empowered to lead the planning, implementation, and evaluation process with minimal mentorship from adults. Youth will learn how their leadership can result in community collaborations that amplify the impact of their project. Grants are offered only to 4-H/Extension Programs in the United States and its territories. If you are not a part of 4-H, we encourage you to contact your local Cooperative Extension office and become a project collaborator! The application can be found at

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/GrantsTreePlanting.aspx> on the bottom of the page under "Related Links." Completed applications are due on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. If you have any questions, email schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu.

Call for Proposals - 2006 Healthy Lifestyles Grants – Awards of up to \$7,000 each

The 2006 Healthy Lifestyles Grant Program offers approximately 24 grants to 4-H/Extension Programs to foster community-based, innovative and fun programs to address reversing the climbing trend of obesity among young people ages 5-12. The grants can be used to fund new programs or enhanced/expanded current programs that include information on nutrition, physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices through the formation of youth-adult partnerships and community collaboration. Plans must include involving and educating family members through personal participation, information and activities in nutrition, health and physical activities. A public awareness and outreach campaign must be initiated to increase community awareness of youth obesity issues and the benefits of fitness, nutrition and healthy living.

Grants are offered only to 4-H/Extension Programs within the United States and its territories. The 4-H/Extension office/Landgrant University must be the fiscal agent for the program. Previous awardees can apply with a modified or expanded program. If you are not a part of 4-H, we encourage you to contact your local Cooperative Extension Office and become a project collaborator!

The application can be found at <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/GrantsHealthyLifestyles.aspx>. Click on "2006 Healthy Lifestyles RFP" at the bottom of the page under "Related Links" to open or download the application. **Completed applications are due January 13, 2006.** If you have any questions, email jleatherman@fourhcouncil.edu.

People Partner Grants

The purpose of this grant is to provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, conducting, and evaluating the project. \$5,500 available funds, grants awarded in 2005 ranged from \$57 to \$500. Application deadline is February 1, 2006. Contact the Gallatin County Extension Office for an application.

Gallatin 4-H Foundations Grants

Your Gallatin 4-H Foundation has funds available for 4-H purposes in Gallatin County. Grants may be awarded for member/leader training, new project development, existing project improvement, new club start up, community service projects and much more. Applications are available in the Extension Office and quarterly deadlines are: December 31, March 31, June 30, and September 30.

Are you missing a glass lid for a casserole dish that you brought to the awards night banquet? We have two lids in our office - perhaps one of them is yours. Stop by the office to claim.

WILD WEST WINTERFEST **"SWEETHEART FUR AND FEATHERS" -** **RABBIT AND POULTRY SHOW**

The Gallatin County 4-H Rabbit and Poultry project kids are hosting their annual "Sweetheart Fur and Feathers Show" and Animal & Supply Auction at the Gallatin County Fairground's Wild West WinterFest on Saturday February 18, 2006. The poultry and rabbit shows will run concurrently beginning at 9 am. We will stop in the morning when Garth is free and do the live auction of quality show and/or breeding stock. Anyone looking for a good quality rabbit or bird for their project or even a cage to house or carry the animal is welcome.

Prices are usually very reasonable. Garth Isbell, Auctioneer, is once again generously donating his time. There also will be a raffle of supplies and crafts related to rabbits and chickens. The raffle drawing will be at 3:00 pm. At noon we will take a short break and then continue the judging. At 2 pm we will begin poultry showmanship. Classes will be divided according to age. Anyone wanting to learn how to show a bird can ask a local 4-Her for pointers before the showmanship classes start. At 3 pm there will be a rabbit derby where we race rabbits. We have a special box/tunnel and blow through straws to make the bunnies move. There will be extra bunnies for people to borrow so they can join in the fun. Come join us for a day of fun!!

Rabbit Questions -

Brenda Townsend 284-6434

Lola Brogger 285-6730 or mbsaddle@juno.com

Poultry Questions -

Sandra Fiegi 388-6906

Betsy Heckel 388-7578 or betsyheckel@aol.com

Deadline for Entries is February 1, 2006. For entry forms contact the Extension Office at 582-3280 or stop by at 901 N. Black



Montana Winter Fair - Lewistown

The Winter Fair will be held on January 26-29 at the Fergus County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. 4-H members can enter the Ewe Show, Heifer Pen Show, All Breeds Heifer Show, Livestock Judging, Beef Showmanship, Photography, Quilting and Knitting projects, and Food related entries. For entry forms and contact information go to <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/>.

Greytak Calendars

Want to start your year out right? Need to know what day of the week that holiday falls on? Purchase your 2006 Greytak Calendar from the Extension Office for \$10.00. All illustrations are suitable for framing.

Citizenship Washington Focus, June 11-17

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth. Delegations of 15-19 year-olds from across the country attend this 6 day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, located just outside Washington, D.C. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

Through the Memorial established with the Montana 4-H Foundation in memory of Susan Kay Dufner, there is a scholarship available to help fund a trip for one 4-H member to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus program. Registration forms are due February 1 and may be obtained from the Extension Office.





Attention Project Leaders:

We have new resource handbooks for Sheep, Swine, Beef, & Rabbit in our office. Stop by the 4-H office and take a look at them. There may be new & interesting information for you or your project members.

Beef News:

The beef weigh-in is set for Saturday, January 21, 2006. We will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Gallatin Beef Producers Scales north of the airport in Belgrade. If you have any questions, call JD at 539-0404.

Clothing and Textiles Project:

January 10, 2006, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway--basement. We will be starting to work on your choice of garment. Beginner sewing members need to limit themselves to either elastic-waist shorts, skirt or pajama bottoms using a medium-weight cotton or cotton/polyester woven, non-stretch fabric (flannel is okay). Other skill level members should pick a garment with at least one technique you have not done in the past. Please bring: pattern and appropriate yardage of fabric; all notions (including interfacing) as listed on the back of the pattern envelope; sewing machine and necessary accessories; extension cord; sewing tools including straight pins, tape measure, hem gauge, marking utensil, fabric scissors, paper scissors, seam ripper, extra sewing machine needles; notebook; paper; pen. For any help picking your garment project or any questions, please call Janell Barber at 388-3091.

Dog:

Dog obedience meeting will be Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 pm in building #3 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. For this first meeting, please do not bring your dog.

Dog massage class with Tana Kradolfer on Tuesday, January 17 from 6-9 pm. Please do not bring your dogs. Class has limited room, please contact Deborah at dgm@mcateeoffice.com to sign up and find out class location.

Horse:

Horse Committee Members: Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Katie Cooper, 580-9278, Dana Adams, 587-3072; Barb Barber, 282-7030; John Palm, 388-7262.

Games on horseback—January 7th. This will be clinic format. We will be teaching fundamentals of barrel racing, pole bending, and gaming sports. Call Misty Radue at 388-6655 or Lori Lucke at 388-7997 to pre-register

C2M/Green Horse: Call Barb at 282-7030 for dates and time.

Ranch Horse: To be announced—watch your newsletter for more information.

January 21st and 22nd - Workshop with Tye MacDonald. \$10.00 per session. **RSVP and register by Jan. 13th** at the Extension Office.

February 5th - Groundwork and showmanship. Pre-register with Katie Cooper at 580-9278

The 2005 State 4-H Horse Show has been rescheduled for May 5th, 6th, and 7th of 2006 at the Beaverhead County Fairgrounds in Dillon Montana. We have had several inquiries and thought this information would be useful for everyone to have.



Horseless Horse:

The fourth meeting will be held from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Fellowship Baptist Church on 19th and Durston on **January 9th. Please bring project books!!** Call Katie Cooper (580-9278) with questions. If you cannot attend, please call to get information.

4-H & FFA KMON Judging Contest:

Livestock, Meats, Crops, Career Development, Beef Ambassador Contests
January 20-21, 2005 at the Fairgrounds Great Falls

Meats Contest: This will be the State contest for FFA & 4-H. 4-H team members must be 14 by October 1, 2005 to qualify as the state team and trip to Western Regional Roundup. Awards are trophies, plaques and \$100 to the top individual. Contact our office at 582-3280 for registration information. Registration due January 13th.

Friday Night Fun 4-H and FFA Dance January 20th, 2006, 9:00 pm-12:00 am at the Hampton Inn, 2301 14th Street Southwest, Admission \$4.00 per person Sponsored by: KMON, Hampton Inn, Conrad FFA Alumni

2005 – 2006 Livestock Judging Circuit:

Ages will be based on the student's 4-H age for the 2006 4-H year, (as of October 1, 2005)

District 3, Montana Winter Fair, Lewistown – January 29th, 2006.

Entries available at www.tein.net/~msufergus.

District 4, Valley County Judging, Glasgow – April 30th, 2006.

Livestock Judging - January 7, 2006:

Make plans to attend this fun event which is sponsored by the Stillwater Valley FFA Alumni. The judging will be held completely indoors at their new facility! Come to Rick Young Ranch at 2878 Highway 78 in Absarokee. (One mile south of Olie's Corner) They will begin judging at 9:30 a.m. Awards will be given for the top 3 winners. There will be a free lunch so it would be helpful if you would pre-register with Rick and Peggy Young at 328-4296 so they can make lunch plans. This has proven to be a very good judging and lots of fun. If you need any more information contact Rick and Peggy Young at 328-4296 or Stillwater County Extension Office at 322-8035.



Poultry:

Monthly meeting for Rockin' Roosters on Monday January 2nd at 6:00 pm with our Poultry project meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Basement of Valley Bank in Belgrade. Please bring your books. We look forward to learning more about poultry with all our new members. Please call Betsy 388-7578 or Sandra 388-6909 with any questions.

Rabbits:

Next rabbit meeting will be Saturday, January 14th at Sarah Olivo's house at 200 Longhorn Rd., Bozeman. We will be learning about genetics. For directions call the Olivo's at 582-8883.

Scrapbooking Project:

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at the Valley Bank of Belgrade from 6:00pm-9:00pm. We will be organizing our photos and laying out an album project using a Power Sort and Power Layout method. Please bring \$1 for a Make and Take Border, approximately 150 photos, an album, extra pages, a photo organization box, and some sort of box that is big enough to lay your album pages in so they will stay flat. For suggestions on materials and album themes, please call Elizabeth Cash by January 15th. As always, there is a 15% discount to all 4-Hers. Club Historians are also welcome to attend. If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Cash at 406-582-1702 or e-mail at Ecash1977@aol.com

Shooting Sports:

Are you interested in 3-D Archery shooting? We will be shooting on the following days - Jan. 15, Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 12 and Feb 19. Time will be 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Air rifle, air pistol and archery shooting will continue January and February, Sunday evenings including January 1st. Times are: 5 to 6 pm; or 6 to 7 pm; or 7 to 8 pm. If you have any questions, please call Bill Ott at 209-2599.

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH!!!!



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Woodworking:

Workshop will be held on the first and third Saturdays of the month, **January 7th and 21st**, at Rocky Mountain Furniture from 1:00-3:00. Rocky Mountain Furniture is located across the street from Murdoch's behind the strip mall. Remember to bring a #2 pencil to every class. Rocky Mountain Furniture will allow the use of all its small hand tools. Hope to see you there.

Vet Science:

An orientation and planning meeting for the Veterinary Science project has been set for Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Double Diamond Vet Clinic in Bozeman. All 4-H members and potential 4-H members interested in the Vet Science project are encouraged to attend. New leaders Shawna Halvorsen, Cheri Hicks, and Dr. Sue Geske will introduce themselves, discuss future meeting times, and present topic ideas for the project. Double Diamond Vet Clinic is located in the Baxter Meadows Subdivision near Bozeman at 3801 Riata Rd. Please feel free to call Shawna Halvorsen at 539-0895 for directions.

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational - February 4, 2006

Lewis and Clark County will be hosting an Invitation Shooting Sports Tournament on Saturday, February 4, 2006 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds in Helena. Cost per event is \$10 before January 27, 2006, \$12 after that date. Events include Air Rifle Prone, Air Rifle Three Position, Air Pistol and Bare Bow, Limited Bow, Bow Hunter, and Unlimited Bow Archery Divisions. Entry forms and rules are available at the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 582-3280. Come, enjoy a really fun day with us and have an awesome experience!

